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FOLLOWING REPEAT JAKARTA 5089 ACTION SECSTATE TOKYO APR 21,1977

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, IS

SUBJECT: BURMAH OIL TANKER CASE

REF: STATE 85968 (NOTAL)

1. ON APRIL 20 AMBASSADOR SPOKE TO GENERAL BENNY MURDANI REGARDING SEC DESIRE TO QUESTION GENERAL IBNU IN U.S. RE BURMAH OIL TANKER CASE. GENERAL MURDANI, CHIEF OF INDONESIAN ARMY INTELLIGENCE, IS MEMBER OF THREE-MAN COMMITTEE CURRENTLY INVESTIGATING TANKER PROBLEM AND IS DESIGNATED CONTACT FOR MATTERS RELATING TO GENERAL IBNU SUTOWO.

2. MURDANI ADVISED AMBASSADOR THAT HE PLANS TO MEET GEORGE
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BENSON, WASHINGTON PERTAMINA REPRESENTATIVE, IN TOKYO APRIL 23 TO DISCUSS SEC ACTIONS WITH RESPECT TO GENERAL IBNU. IT WAS AGREED THAT MURDANI WOULD CONTACT AMBASSADOR EARLY NEXT WEEK FOLLOWING HIS TALK WITH BENSON.

3. AFTER MEETING WITH MURDANI, AMBASSADOR DOES NOT EXCLUDE POSSIBILITY GOI WILL BE PREPARED TO MAKE GENERAL IBNU

AVAILABLE. MURDANI SHOWED DEFINITE INTEREST IN POSSIBILITY OF ACCESS TO SEC FILES AND HAS ASKED FOR COPY OF DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE'S AGREEMENT WITH JAPAN ON LOCKHEED WHICH EMBASSY IS SUPPLYING. BELIEVE IT IS PREMATURE, HOWEVER, TO GIVE ANY REPLY TO SEC.

4. MEANWHILE EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE CLARIFICATION OF RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN LATEST REQUEST FROM SEC AND EARLIER REQUEST, APPARENTLY IN CONNECTION WITH SAME MATTER, REPORTED IN DEPTTEL 44312. IBNU RESPONDED TO THIS EARLIER REQUEST BY APPOINTING LAWYER TO DEAL WITH SEC (JAKARTA 3370).

5. SUGGEST DEPARTMENT MAY WISH REPEAT MESSAGES TO TOKYO.
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